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In the Application of:

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RESPONSE UNDER § 1.111

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2001 and having a period for response of three months thereafter, please consider the amendments and remarks herein.

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant a three month extension of time needed for timely response to the instant Office Action on the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. Submitted herewith is authorization to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following amendments to the claims are herein made without prejudice.

Cancel Claims 1-4 and amend Claims 5-8 to read as follows.

- B1*
5. A method for promoting whole body health in human and other animal subjects, comprising topically administering to said subjects' oral cavity, a composition comprising a safe and effective amount of an antimicrobial agent and a pharmaceutically acceptable oral carrier, wherein said antimicrobial is selected from the group consisting of stannous ion agent; triclosan; triclosan monophosphate; chlorhexidine; alexidine; hexetidine; sanguinarine; benzalkonium chloride; salicylanilide; domiphen bromide; cetylpyridinium chloride (CPC); tetradecylpyridinium chloride (TPC); N-tetradecyl-4-

